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In re Application of

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: Examiner: Michael J. Feely

For:

A LIQUID THERMOSETTING INK

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

By Official Action mailed February 28, 2006 restriction to one of the following inventions and/or species of the claimed invention is required:

Group I

Claims 1-22, drawn to a liquid thermosetting ink.

Group II

Claims 23-31, drawn to a method for producing a liquid thermosetting ink.

Group III

Claim 32, drawn to a method for producing a liquid thermosetting ink.

In response, Applicants hereby elect Group I, upon which claims 1-22 are readable.

The election is made with traverse because the Examiner has failed to demonstrate why the hypothetical processes mentioned at the ends of paragraphs 2, 3 of the Restriction Requirement can be regarded as materially different processes. The hypothetical processes might be different, but Applicants are not persuaded that they are materially different. Accordingly, a proper Restriction Requirement has not been set forth.

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Since the restrictions between Inventions I and II and between Inventions I and III are improper and the elected claims link Inventions II and III together, the non-elected method claims should be considered upon allowance of an elected, product claim.

Early examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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